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(c) whether it is a fact that during the said ceasefire period ULFA succeeded in extortion of money and acquired arms, alongwith strengthening its organization; and

(d) if so, the facts in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. RÉGUPATHY): (a) and (b) Government had declared unilateral Suspension of Operations (SoO) by Army against United Liberation Front of Asom (ULFA) from 13.8.2006 to 20.9.2006 with a view to create a conducive atmosphere for holding of peace talks.

(c) and (d) There was no direct response from ULFA and some inputs were received of regrouping, new raising, violence, collection of weapons/explosives and extortion by ULFA cadres. Hence, Counter Insurgency operations against ULFA have been resumed.

#### **Increase in Naxal Violence**

†1564. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:  
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that naxalite violence has increased considerably in the country during the last three years;

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto;

(c) whether it is a fact that this violence has soical and political grounds;

(d) if so, Government's reaction in this regard; and

(e) whether Government have taken any social and political measures to combat naxalite violence, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) As per available information, the details of naxalite violence from 2003 to 2006 (till 30.11.2006) are as under:

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

| Years           | No. of incidents |
|-----------------|------------------|
| 2003            | 1597             |
| 2004            | 1533             |
| 2005            | 1608             |
| 2006 (30.11.06) | 1353             |

(b) to (e) Naxal violence remains an area of serious concern. It is not merely a law and order problem but has deep socio-economic dimensions. Therefore, the Government has been pursuing a multi-pronged strategy to address this problem on political, security and development fronts. While effective and sustained police action is taken individually and jointly by the States to counter the naxal violence, the naxal affected States have also been asked to improve delivery and monitoring mechanisms to ensure accelerated development in the naxal affected areas. The Central Government continues to coordinate and supplement the efforts and resources of the State Governments on both security and development fronts to meet the challenge posed by the naxal problem.

#### **Lapse in the security of Prime Minister's convoy**

1565. SHRI ABDUL WAHAB PEEVEE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have asked for a report from the Kerala Government in regard to security lapses that the Prime Minister's convoy took a wrong route during his recent visit to that State; if so, what is the report; and

(b) what steps the Central Government have taken to avoid such incidents in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) Yes, Sir. The Government of Kerala has viewed this security lapse very seriously and placed the Pilot Officer under suspension. Further, the IGP (Security) and Commissioner of Police, Thiruvananthapuram were also transferred out from their respective posts. Besides the Government of Kerala is also making all efforts to ensure foolproof security arrangements for VVIPs in the State.